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In re application of: John F. Wirkus	
Serial No.: 10/723,195	Group No.: 3748
Filed: November 26, 2003	Examiner: Tu Minh Nguyen
For: EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION AFTERBURNER	

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Date: December 6, 2004

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Sir:

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An amendment in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004;

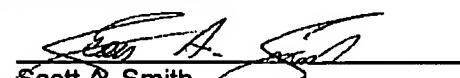
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Applicant claims small entity status.

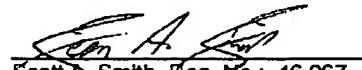
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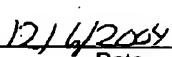
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate – Other Than A Small Entity	Rate – Small Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	35 -	22 =	13	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$117.00
Indep. Claims	6 -	3 =	3	\$88.00	\$44.00	132.00
Total Additional Fee:						\$249.00

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AMENDMENT A

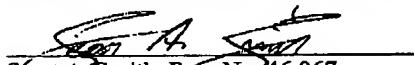
The Office communication mailed September 8, 2004 has been received, and in response thereto, Applicant hereby amends the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Description begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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